Assistance to Students of minority communities

1974. DR. VIJAY MALLYA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposals have been received from the Government of Karanataka for the benefit of students belonging to the minority communities to bear the cost of construction of hostels, school buildings and other facilities; and

(b) if so, the present stage of consideration of these proposals and by when they are likely to be approved and requisite funds released?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (DR. SANJAY PASWAN): (a) One proposal from the Government of Karnataka was received by the Maulana Azad Education Foundation, which provides financial assistance for construction of school/college buildings and purchase of equipment/ machinery/furniture.

(b) The State Government has been requested to submit the proposal in the prescribed proforma.

Hostels for SC boys and girls in Karnataka

1975. DR. VIJAY MALLYA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Karnataka have approached Government for release of funds representing 50 per cent of the cost of buildings for 231 Scheduled Caste boys hostels costing Rs. 369.76 lakhs and nine Scheduled caste girls hostels costing Rs. 1130.24 lakhs; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and by when the proposal is likely to be approved and requisite funds released?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (DR. SANJAY PASWAN): (a) and (b) The government of Karnataka has requested to release Rs. 369.76 lakhs as 50% central assistance for construction of 21 SC boys hostels, out of which 8 SC boys hostels costing Rs. 114.32 lakhs have been sanctioned. Government has also released Rs. 160.00 lakhs for construction of 8 SC boys hostels for Morarji Desai Residential Schools.

The Government of Karnataka has also requested to release Rs. 130.24 lakhs as 50% central assistance for 9 SC girls hostels. The proposal has been examined and the State Government has been requested to furnish certain clarifications, which are awaited.

Recommendations of Mandal Commission

†1976. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Himachal Pradesh is the only State in the country where the recommendations of Mandal Commission have not been implemented;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor alongwith the number of States which are not implementing the recommendations of Mandal Commission; and

(c) the action being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (DR. SANJAY PASWAN): (a) and (b) The recommendations of Mandal Commission are being implemented in the State of Himachal Pradesh. The States of Arunachal Pradesh, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland and the Union Territories of Andaman and Nicobar Islands and Lakshadweep have not implemented the recommendations of Mandal Commission as there is no Backward Class population in these States/UTs.

(c) No action is required.

National Policy for handicapped persons

†1977. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Human Rights Commission has suggested to Government to formulate a National Policy for the Handicapped Persons;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) Government's reaction thereto?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.